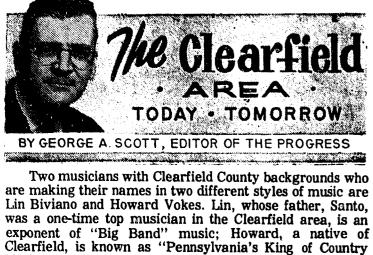
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Music".

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Columnist Anne Elke reports in "News of Delaware County" of June 19 the latest on Lin Biviano. (We understand The Philadelphia Inquirer also did a story on Lin but didn't see the article).



Lin Biviano

\* "At a time when small groups, whether rock, folk or jazz, are the rule rather than the exception, the Lin Biviano Orchestra serves as a musical enigma," writes Ms. Elke. "It is unique not for its size . . . but for its leader who, in his late 20s, must be one of the youngest big band leaders around today ... But in spite of this, the appeal of the Lin Biviano Orchestra is seemingly universal.

"As for the band itself, its 14 members are mostly veteran players of other jazz orchestras including those of Buddy Rich and Maynard Ferguson and come from virtually all over the country . . . An arrangement of 'Yesterday I Heard The Rain' by Biviano stood to illustrate both his exceptional writing and lead trumpet capabilities . . . The 14piece band is due to record in July on Stan Kenton's Chicago based 'Creative' label . . . So it looks as though Lin Biviano may, after some 10 years of hard work be headed for the kind of public acceptance that is often referred to as 'an overnight success'."

From Jamboree Spectacular of New Kensington comes a biographical sketch of Howard Vokes which starts out "One of Pennsylvania's major contributions to country music is a versatile man we all know as Howard Vokes. His devoted efforts to the field of music we all love so much is a never ending battle. The many, many entertainers that he has helped to get a start in the country music business reads like a 'Who's Who'.

# Post Watergate Summer Is Welcome Change

By NICK THIMMESCH weather here is the same as last summer — hot and muggy — but the political atmosphere is vastly

changed. Instead of a President defending himself from a Congress ready to impeach him, we have a President commanding an embarrassed, stumbling President. This caused White House spokesmen, including then-Vice President Gerald Washington View

There are other welcome differences.

Congress.

vote on July 30.

The President's men were One year ago, the air was already doing time or looking heavy with accusation against the beleaguered bad in court. The Plumbers' trial showed

President Richard Nixon. that John Ehrlichman was a Special Prosecutor Leon goner in that part of his Jaworski pressed hard to get travail; the Watergate case his mitts on those 64 White itself waited for him. John Dean, one-time White House tapes he regarded as

crucial. Peter W. Rodino (D- House counsel turned N.J.), chairman of the House stoolpigeon, was a favorite of Judiciary Committee, moved Nixon haters. The good and that body toward the bill of bad guy syndrome was impeachment they would operative, to use a word Press Secretary Ron Ziegler The atmosphere was foul. A regretted more than

U.S. senator, Lowell Weicker anything.

(R-Conn.), praised those who leaked information about was desperately trying to over the hump of the Nixon Wallace - are not so appeople under suspicion or hold on - first with a sweep pardon, and through the petizing, and the rest of the indictment, especially if the through the Middle East thicket of the "WIN" leaks came from the where Secretary of State champaign, Mr. Ford We sweat and gasp for Judiciary Committee which, Henry A. Kissinger had steadied, and took the clean air to breathe here, but ostensibly, was supposed to negotiated an interim measure of that body of limp are grateful the political be carrying on in a judicious agreement between foes, and anarchists elected with only atmosphere is so improved manner. Weicker himself then to Moscow for his second 38 per cent of the voters over one year ago.

WASHINGTON - The leaked information himself - one which was far less on acting FBI Director L. momentous than that of Patrick Gray III. election year, 1972.

Rodino, playing the role of The President was crippled a serious, fair-minded man to by Watergate and by the hilt, strayed considerably phlebitis as well. His face was gray and haggard. White when he let it out that all 21 Democratic members of his committee were going to vote Alexander Haig carefully weighed the possibility of the for impeachment of the

President's quick departure. It was a stinking summer, bad for the republic and its Ford, to cry "partisan lynch mob," and stunk up the patient citizenry, already afflicted with inflation and impeachment procedure. the gathering recession. Leadership was nil.

When Nixon became the first U.S. President to resign, on Aug. 6, Gerald Ford entered - a kind of Harry Truman with Dwight Eisenhower touches - and few thought he would be brilliant, but he's not bad, whomping the stuff out of a and sometimes steady two-to-one Democratic fellows wind up with far Congress just 10 months better records than the later.

Mr. Ford, an intrepid laborer for his party and in 1976, they must mull the truth the Congress, was never that their two most exciting accused of possessing an candidates - Sen, Edward excess of charisma or Kennedy (D-Mass.) and As for Richard Nixon, he imagination. Once he got Alabama Gov. George C.

periencing its most exciting moments with Mr. Ford as

President, but who cares? The relief is appreciated, and the absence of Watergate law-talk on the front page is House Chief of Staff lovely. We have a President who is trying his best, doesn't mind being lectured to by his friends and is making four-

square fashionable again. Of Mr. Ford's 33 presidential vetoes, he has been overridden on just three, and this current fumbling Congress has yet to override one.

Moreover, he has shown a sense of command, especially in the Mayaguez affair, and is slowly earning the respect of the citizenry. He's not flashier ones.

As the Democrats look to pack are bland stuff, indeed.

proudly announced he had summit meeting there, but turning out. leaked information himself — one which was far less Washington is not ex- A Bicentennial Feature

We Hold These Truths... A Chronicle of America

#### July 5, 1775:

In a final, formal effort at reconciliation, Congress on this day approves - and signs on the 8th - a document pleading with the King for a negotiated cessation of hostilities. Written by John Dickinson, it is given the deprecatory label "the Olive Branch Petition" by John Adams. Like Adams, most of the 49 who sign the petition believe it to be an exercise in futility. The petition states, in part: "We solemnly assure your Majesty that we not

only most ardently desire [that] the former harmony between [Britain] and these colonies may be restored, but that a concord may be established between them upon so firm a basis, as to perpetuate its blessing uninterrupted by any future dissentions to succeeding generations in both countries." The petition is taken to England by Richard Penn - a loyalist and the grandson of William Penn. The King refuses to receive either the petition or Penn.



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# **Favorable Balance of Trade Is Favorable Sign**

**By JOHN CUNNIFF AP** Business Analyst NEW YORK (AP) - For a Now the news is changing, trade officials were expecting very long time the only and no one item represents a a trade deficit, or that economic news we heard was more interesting departure Americans would buy more habits of this sort a red light from the past mold than the **Business Mirror** latest figures for U.S. trade

activity. A huge surplus, \$1.05 billion, was reported for May. bad — goals unmet, ex-

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When a nation falls into bad abroad than foreigners spent goes on in the international currency markets. The flow of this sort is of great weakness, and its currency becomes less desirable to

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of just a few months ago - that the situation isn't a In order to make the book live beyond his means, trade deficit — this news is For one thing, the decline in

chases, a development that puzzles. It will take a couple of more months to confirm whether or not oil imports will remain lower than anticipated. Nevertheless, it appears

likely now that the United States will export more than it imports in 1975, which is a definite improvement over a trade deficit of \$2.3 billion in

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Examination of the figures shows that the country imported 11.5 per cent less in May than in April, a reflection of the depressed state of economic activity to is indicating be sure, but overall, a healthy turn.

becomes less desirable to Unfortuately, but also hold. It drops in price. reflecting worldwide If the situation isn't recession, American exports 1974. per cent. On balance, the figures were decidely in favor of the United States.

While the figures already are interpreted as an intually winning. dication of better U.S. economic health, some



Howard Vokes

"Howard's many successes include manager of several country artists, a booking agency, song-writer, music publisher, record owner, promoter, singer and really anything else that might pertain to country music circles. He has been involved with it all and the name Howard Vokes is known all over the world. In Music City, U.S.A., Nashville, Tenn., there's probably not a minute goes by that someone doesn't mention Howard's name."

Howard Vokes was born June 13, 1931, in Clearfield, one of 13 children, and has a number of relatives living in the County today. He became interested in country music at an early age and at six years was playing the harmonica and the guitar at 11. By age 15 he was singing at parties and working with different bands.

Shot in the right ankle in a hunting accident, he spent six weeks in a hospital and while recovering began to write songs. Recovered, he formed his now famous "Country Boy" band, began recording and became manager of singers band, began recording and became manager of singers Denver Duke and Jeffery Null, who soon were appearing on such top shows as the Grand Ole Op'ry, WLAC Jamboree, Ernest Tubb Record Shop, and WWVA Jamboree. Howard, himself, began singing in a show in Cleveland, Ohio, soon was recording with his Country Boy band and then made ap-pearances in Nashville. Howard's records are now released not only in this country but and popular in Canada. not only in this country but are popular in Canada, Norway. Australia and Great Britain.

Howard is a traditionalist in country music and willing to fight for it. "Really, the public is 'fed-up' with the confusion, trash and experimentation in country music," he says. "The older artists paved the way for what country music is today and it makes my heart feel very happy that we're getting back to the fiddle and a steel-guitar 'kick-offs' and 'turn arounds' on country records once again."

Lin Biviano, "big band" musician; Howard Vokes, "country music" stylist. Both are artists in their fields.

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## Yesterday ...

#### 10 Years Ago

July 2, 1965 Swimming in the area of the boating ramp at Lower Witmer Park will be prohibited as a result of action taken by Clearfield Borough Council last night.

David A. Hamilton, 42, well-known Coalport area businessman, died of a heart attack at his home yesterday morning.

#### 50 Years Ago

July 2, 1925

Everything is in readiness for the fifth annual celebration of Independence Day by the Clearfield American Legion July 3 and 4. Seventy horses await the starter's gong tomorrow and 80 floats or exhibits stand by for the mammoth historical and patriotic parade Saturday. There will be C. & C. League baseball games with Clearfield facing Sykesville and Philipsburg, concerts by the Legion band, fireworks displays, dancing in Exposition Hall and performances by the Helkvists, sensational high divers into a fiery tank.

Gordon Warner, Dorothy McCorkle and Anna Mann of Junior High and James Barry and Mary Logan of the Parochial School, winners of American Legion and D.A.R. prizes in school this year, were honor guests of the Clearfield Rotary Club last night.

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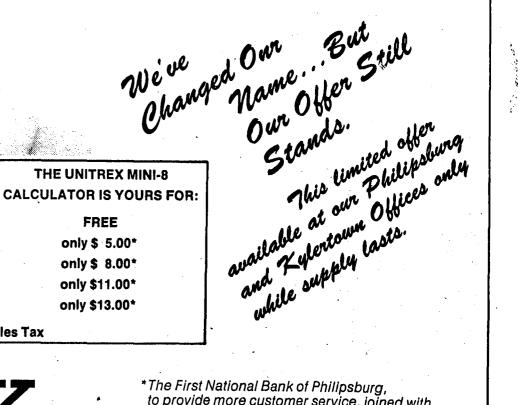
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